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- Cancellation of the old and issue of new DPAs (Soviet Zone identity cards) is under consideration. Normally, the current issue would not expire until 1953. The proposal to replace them and also promulgate a new registration law was prompted by the allegedly high percentage of DPAs which, as a result of careless handling no longer served their purpose as a reliable base for police control.
- 2. Ranking officials in the Peoples' Police Main Administration most directly concerned with the administration of identity papers and police registration aver that the issue of new DPAs can safely be kept in abeyance until 1953. Any revision of existing regulations, let alone the exchange of DPAs, would impose an intolerable burden of work upon the staff of the Pass und Meldewesen Section of the
- 3. A ranking official of the HVdVP who has had frequent personal dealings with key personnel of the HVL (Air Police), has expressed the ings with key personnel of the HVL (Air Police), has expressed the following personal opinion on the relative importance of General-inspekteur H inz Kessler and Chefinspekteur Using Zorn: The former, though hominally in charge, exercises, by his own admission, only limited introduce over the administrative and technical management of HVL affairs. The "Hauptorganisator" is Zorn.

 Kessler was chosen for the job primarily because of his position in the Central Council of the Free German Youth organization which is destined to become the main mannower reservoir of the HVL. Kessler destined to become the main manpower reservoir of the HVI. Kessler can thus be considered the main political figure in the HVL command echelon and it will devolve upon him to steer and control the recruitment policy of that organization.
- The Volkspolizei Präsidium Berlin (VPP) has for some time been flooded with applications for jobs with the HVL, or as it is called euphemistically "Verkehrsfliegerei in der DDR" (Air Traffic Branch) All applications of this type are passed to the personnel section of the HVA in Adlershof...

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